

Building - Room 6

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Rental of Parking Facilities

1. On 12 December I telephoned Mr. Peters (Code 156, ext. 784), Chief, Buildings Management Division, PBS, GSA. I discussed with him the authority of Government agencies generally to rent parking facilities for the use of their employees.

2. Mr. Peters said there was no objection to renting garage or parking space for Government vehicles but that he knew of no general authority to rent space for the personal use of employees, lacking a specific Congressional authorization.

3. Mr. Peters said that frequently, in leasing space in non-Government buildings, an agency will become entitled to a certain amount of integral parking space. In such a case there is no requirement that the agency refuse that space and demand a reduction in the rent. He added that the theory of providing some personal parking space, (e.g., in the courtyard of Interior) is that the space was provided for Government vehicles and that unused space may be devoted to personal use.

4. Mr. Peters did say that our making it clear to Congress that we intend to provide parking space in the new CIA building would undoubtedly give us the authority to expend our funds for this purpose. He added that his previous comments had been primarily directed to metropolitan areas, anyway, and that in an area like Langley where there must either be Government parking or none at all an implied authority to provide parking might exist.

5. In the future, if we rent space in non-Government buildings, there would be considerable merit in requiring the lessor to provide suitable parking space under the lease.

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